

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST)	ORDER GRANTING
FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY)	APPROVAL OF AN
EXCEPTION BETWEEN SIOUX VALLEY-)	EXCEPTION TO THE
SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,)	ASSIGNED ELECTRIC
INC. AND THE CITY OF BROOKINGS, SOUTH)	SERVICE TERRITORY
DAKOTA)	EL00-031

On October 30, 2000, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint request from Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SVSW) and The City of Brookings, South Dakota (Brookings) seeking approval of an agreement for a service rights exception. The purpose of the filing was to seek Commission approval for an exception to the existing electric service territorial agreement. According to the application, "The City of Brookings and Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative jointly request an exception to the existing electric service territorial agreement to permit The City of Brookings to provide electric service to the Kathy Monnier residence in the Southwest Quarter of Section 18, Township 110 North, Range 49 West."

SVSW and Brookings have entered into an agreement entitled "Joint Request for Electric Service Territory Exception" dated October 16, 2000, and have filed the same with a signature of consent signed by the affected customer concurring with the territorial transfer.

On November 30, 2000, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the matter. Commission Staff recommended approval of the joint request.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-42, and 49-34A-55. Further, the Commission finds that the service rights transfer is in the public interest and the request shall be granted. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the joint request seeking approval of service rights transfer is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of December, 2000.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner